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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-10, 13-16, 19-20, 23-25 and 28 are pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, claims 1, 10 and 20 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-10, 13-16, 19-20, 23-25 and 28 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. Support for the amendments to the specification can be found in the specification, in particular in the Summary of the Invention and at page 35, lines 4-9. Applicant requests consideration and entry of the instant comments and amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Sullivan for extending the courtesy of telephonic discussions regarding the pending claims and outstanding rejections in the instant application. Applicant thanks Examiner Sullivan for the helpful comments and suggestions, which are reflected herein.

Applicant believes that the claims as presented in the instant Supplemental Amendment are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 377882001100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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